THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) As regards Central Government schools are concerned, the students of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas have been consistently performing better than the private schools in board examinations over the past few years. Most of the Government and Government aided schools, however come under the purview of State Governments and quality and standard of education in such schools are also in the domain of the respective State Governments.

(d) and (e) A composite centrally sponsored scheme called "Quality Improvement in Schools" has been approved by Government in November, 2005 by converging the following five existing schemes of the Department as its components:

(i) Improvement of Science Education in Schools (ISES);

(ii) Environmental Orientation to School Education (EOSE);

(iii) National Population Education Project (NPEP);

(iv) Introduction of Yoga in Schools; and

(v) International Science Olympiads.

It has been decided to transfer the component "Improvement of Science Education in Schools" to the State Governments as a State Sector Scheme. The other four components are to be implemented by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), an autonomous body under the Department of Secondary and Higher Education *w.e.f.* 2006-07.

Navodaya Vidyalayas

†2164. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Navodaya Vidyalayas opened so far in the country alongwith the number of those yet to be opened;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the reasons for not being able to open all Navodaya Vidyalayas and since when it is pending;

(c) the time when the concerned State Government had been contacted for the allotment of land in this regard alongwith their reaction thereto; and

(d) the number of students who will be admitted in the Navodaya Vidyalayas which are proposed to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) State-wise number of schools opened is given in the enclosed Statement. (See below). There are 105 districts in the country where there is no Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs). The State of Tamil Nadu with 30 districts have, however, not accepted the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme.

(b) State/UT Governments are required to make available suitable land free of cost for opening a JNV in a district. JNV can be started at a temporary site, if suitable temporary accommodation is made available by the State/UT Govt.

The main reasons for not being able to open new JNVs are nonavailability of suitable land and/or temporary accommodation. In case of Tamil Nadu, JNVs have not been opened as the State Govt, has not accepted the scheme.

(c) Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) has been regularly following up with the concerned State/UT Governments to make available suitable sites for opening of JNVs in the uncovered districts. It is a continuous process.

(d) Generally, a new JNV starts with 2 sections in class VI and 80 students. Full-fledged JNVs are Senior Secondary Schools with Classes from VI to XII. The total number of students in a fully functional JNV with two sections in each class in thus 560.

Statement

Navodaya Vidyalayas for put down on 13TH March, 2006

State-wise number of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) opened are as given below:

SI. No.	State	No. of JNVs opened
1	2	3
1	Andman & Nicobar	2
2	Andhra Pradesh	22
3	Arunachal Pradesh	13
4	Assam	20
5	Bihar	35
6	Chandigarh	1
7	Chhattisgarh	12
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveii	1
9	Daman & Diu	2
10	Delhi	2
11	Goa	2
12	Gujarat	18
13	Haryana	18
14	Himachal Pradesh	12
15	Jammu & Kashmir	14
16	Jharkhand	20
17	Karnataka	27
18	Kerala	14
19	Lakshadweep	1
20	Madhya Pradesh	46
21	Maharashtra	31
22	Manipur	9

1	2	3
23	Meghalaya	7
24	Mizoram	2
25	Nagaland	6
26	Orissa	24
27	Pondicherry	4
28	Punjab	17
29	Rajasthan	32
30	Sikkim	4
31	Tripura	3
32	Uttar Pradesh	64
33	Uttaranchal	12
34	West Bengal	10
35	Tamil Nadu	—
	TOTAL :	507

Colleges for UGC recognition and financial assistance

2165. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of colleges in the country that have applied to the UGC for recognition and financial assistance, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases out of the above which have been pending for over a year as on 1st January, 2006;

(c) the normal time taken by the UGC in according recognition and providing financial assistance to the newly opened colleges; and

(d) by when the cases pending for over a year are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), 6579